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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/629,798; Filed: July 30, 2003

For: Deformable Mirror Using Piezoelectric Actuators Formed as an

Integrated Circuit and Method of Use

Inventors:

Govil et al.

Our Ref:

1857.1860000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply to Requirement For Election of Species; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Requirement For Election of Species

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species disclosed in FIG. 1. Claims 1-12, 14-20, and 22-27 read on such species, with claims 1, 16, and 23 being generic, linking claims. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). This election is made without traverse. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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